

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed, and reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

CLAIM OBJECTION

Claim 1 was originally objected to because of some informalities.

Responsive to this, claim 1 is amended according to the Examiner's instruction and suggestion, and it is believed that the objection should be removed.

In addition, the Examiner has pointed out that claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten and amended according to the form drafted by the Examiner so as to make the claimed invention distinguishably patentable over the prior art references cited by the Examiner.

The proposed claim 1 is drafted as follows:

Claim 1 (proposed): A hand tool, comprising:

a head portion having two jaw portions pivotally connected with each other by a pivot pin;

a handle portion pivotally mounted on the head portion and having two holding grips each having a first end pivotally mounted on an end of a respective one of the two jaw portions of the head portion by a positioning pin and a second end formed with a counterbore;

a mounting tube [fixedly] mounted in the counterbore of [on] the second end of a first one of the two holding grips of the handle portion;

a push rod [fixedly] mounted in the counterbore of [on] the second end of a second one of the two holding grips of the handle portion and slidably mounted in the mounting tube; and

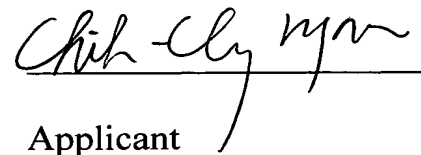
an elastic member mounted in the mounting tube and urged between the mounting tube and the push rod.

Responsive to this, claim 1 is amended and drafted according to the Examiner's instruction and suggestion, and it is believed that, by the amendments, the amended claim 1 should be allowable.

It is further submitted the claims 2-6 should be allowable as they are dependent upon the amended claim 1 which is believed to be allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the application is now in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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